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1   1.   A method for providing preview information for a website, comprising the

2   following steps:

3   for a selected website, providing an indication that preview information is available for the

4   selected website;

5   receiving a request for previous information for the selected website from a user;

6   generating preview information for the selected website, the preview information

7   including at least one of pre-stored preview information, and real-time preview information;

8   determining whether or not the selected website includes an announcement feature;

9   if the selected website includes the announcement feature, then submitting a request to the

10   selected website to provide predetermined announcement information; and

11   transmitting the preview information and the announcement information to the user;

12   wherein the request for preview information is submitted by the user prior to the user

13   accessing the website for which preview information is requested.

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